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Dear Gaylen:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th as forwarded. Jim Crow was reading my mail in ~~my~~ ^{my} absence, but you can rely on his discretion and need not worry about the most intimate touches.

I sent you an abstract from the Stockholm meetings; there was nothing terribly interesting there.

You'll have no trouble discussing anything with Sermonti; just be yourself! I can't imagine why everything has boggled so before now. Probably the main trouble is he's rather shy. There's no reason why ~~xx~~ you should hesitate to bring up any embarrassments while you're working together. That's the main reason to do it. But for your own sake don't be too intolerant of what happens ~~to~~ anyone's old cultures; it can happen to you too. He's not been working actively on Streptomyces for some time.

By all means, you do both have to come down ~~for~~ a visit. When he's settled in, write or call.

As to your deptl. situation, if you're not in too much of a hurry, I'm sure some very satisfactory openings will present themselves. There's an odd ~~one~~ or two current. You could simplify the job by making a new set, up to date, of your curriculum vitae and bibliography and sending me 5 or 10 copies. Don't balk at having your deptl. secy. make them up!

Yours

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Buddy